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### JOINT COMMENTS

By ECFS

April 13, 2009

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: GN Docket No. 09-40**  
***FCC's Consultative Role in the Broadband Provisions of the Recovery Act***

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Attached please find a copy of the joint comments of the Vermont Department of Public Service, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable filed in response to the joint request for information issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA") and the Rural Utilities Service and printed in the Federal Register on March 12, 2009. These joint comments address specific questions issued by the NTIA and include general information about broadband in Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts. In addition, because the NTIA seeks comment, in part, on the same definitional issues as the FCC, these joint comments specifically address the FCC's request for information issued on March 24, 2009.

Should you require any additional information concerning this matter, kindly contact me at (617) 305-3580.

Respectfully submitted,

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